

Remarks

Claims 7- 10 remain in the application with claims 7 and 9 being the only independent claims.

The drawing corrections have been addressed. The mid holders 25 in FIG. 3 (a) have been raised away from the object to be held while an overlapping edge of these holders engages the object. No claims have been directed to this specific feature. In FIG. 3 (b) material has been added to the surface 31 to indicate, when read in conjunction with the specification, that the material has magnetic materials.

In the original rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a), the Engel reference was cited and applied. The Engel reference was modified for this rejection by changing the second layer 10 to a magnetic material. In applicant's claimed invention, see claim 9, there a supporting surface for the holder on which the second layer having magnetic material bears directly against and holds the holder and object to the supporting surface. It is important to note that in the Engel reference the adhesive material member 3 does not bear against the supporting surface that is used but bears against the flaps 4 (see column 2, lines 29- 39) . This difference in how the holding material is positioned relative to the holder supporting surface is important. Additionally, using magnets, versus adhesive materials, allows for the easy replacement of the holding material unlike the sticky residue used in an adhesive material.

The fact that A is old and B is old does not mean A plus B is old under 35 USC 103 (a). There must be some suggestion, teaching or implication to combine the

references. In the MPEP 2141, Rev. 1, Feb 2000, found on page 2100-90, in column 2, under the heading "Basic Considerations Which Apply To Obviousness Rejections", mandatory standards for applying obviousness rejections are set forth. Therein it is stated, the references to be combined *must* be considered as a whole and *must* suggest the desirability and thus the obviousness of making the combination. There simply is no suggestion in the Engel patent reference to either change the adhesive material to magnetic material and then to change the surface on which the changed material bears directly against, the supporting surface. If the Examiner believes differently, then the *specific wording* in Engel reference leading to the conclusions stated previously should be cited. The only suggestions to make the combination is from applicant's disclosure.

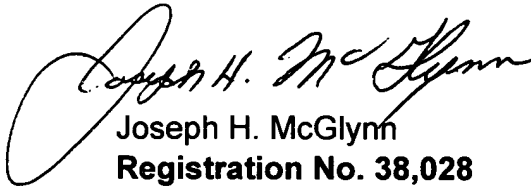
From the above mentioned remarks and amendments, the Examiner's rejections and objections are thought to be overcome. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore an early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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Claim 1. A holder for an object comprising:
a holder having at least three layers,
the first layer of said three layers having a non-slip surface to
engage and bear against the surface of the object to be held,
the second layer of said three layers having magnetic material, and
the third layer of said three layers consisting of at least one layer of
a transparent material that forms a planar object receiving pocket,
said pocket being positioned between the third layer and the first
layer of the holder.

Claim 2. The holder for an object as claimed in claim 1, wherein
each of said three layers are generally triangularly shaped with the pocket,
formed by the third layer and the first layer, being opened at the
hypotenuse side edge of the triangles.

Claim 3. The holder for an object as claimed in claim 2, wherein
said third transparent material layer is made of a clear plastic material.

Claim 4. The combination of holder and a planar object with corner edges comprising:

a holder having at least three distinct material layers,
the first layer of said three layers having a non-slip surface to engage and bear against a corner surface of the planar object to be held,
the second layer of said three layers having magnetic material,
the third of said at least three layers consisting of at least one layer of a transparent material used to form a corner object receiving pocket;
and

a planar object having corner edges to complement the size and shape of the receiving pocket formed and adapted to be held therein.

Claim 5. The combination of a holder and an object with corner edges as claimed in claim 4 wherein there are at least two substantially identical holders spaced from each other and adapted to engage a different corner of the same planar object to be held.

Claim 6. The holder for an object as claimed in claim 5, wherein

said third and fourth transparent material layers are made of clear plastic material.

Claim 7. The combination of holder and an object with corner edges comprising: for the CORNER OF THE OBJECT TO BE HELD
a holder having at least three distinct material layers, SAID HOLDER COMPRISING A CORNER POCKET FOR THE CORNER
the first layer of said three layers having a non-slip surface to EDGE OF THE OBJECT TO
engage and bear against the corner surface of the object to be held, BE HELD,
TO A SUPPORTING SURFACE FOR THE HOLDER
the second layer of said three layers having magnetic material,
another of said at least three layers consisting of at least one layer of
a transparent material to form a corner object receiving pocket; and
an object having corner edges to complement the size and shape of
the receiving pocket.

Claim 8. The combination of a holder and an object with corner edges as claimed in claim 7 wherein there are at least two substantially identical holders spaced from each other and adapted to engage, in a receiving pocket, a different corner of the object to be held.